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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5421

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING PROCEEDINGS AND OPERATIONS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."***

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
2 and internal references accordingly

3 In line 81, strike the opening and closing brackets and strike "show
4 cause"

5 In line 110, strike "z"

6 In line 111, strike "certified relative caregiver"

7 In line 188, strike ", certified relative caregivers"

8 In line 196, strike ", certified relative caregivers"

9 In line 205, strike "or certified as a relative caregiver"

10 In line 227, strike "a home study" and insert "an assessment" in lieu
11 thereof

12 In line 230, strike "home study" and insert "assessment" in lieu
13 thereof

14 Strike lines 234 and 235 in their entirety and insert the following in
15 lieu thereof: "including any psychiatric or psychological records and
16 may order"

17 In line 238, strike "home study" and insert "assessment" in lieu
18 thereof

19 In line 241, strike "home study" and insert "assessment" in lieu
20 thereof

21 Strike line 258 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
22 "intervene for purposes of seeking permanent guardianship"

23 In line 265, strike "a home study" and insert "an assessment" in lieu
24 thereof

25 In line 271, bracket "show cause" and after the closing bracket insert
26 "appear"

27 In line 314, insert an opening bracket before "care"

28 In line 315, insert a closing bracket after "custody" and after the
29 closing bracket insert "legal guardianship"

30 In line 321, strike "personal custody" and insert "legal guardianship"
31 in lieu thereof

32 In line 322, after "parents or" insert "former"

33 In line 324, strike "custody or" and insert "legal" in lieu thereof

34 In line 326, strike "or certified as a relative caregiver"

35 In line 330, strike "custody and" and insert "legal" in lieu thereof

- 36 In line 333, strike "custody or" and insert "legal" in lieu thereof
- 37 In line 391, strike "or certified as a relative caregiver"
- 38 In line 405, bracket "and"
- 39 In line 406, after "youth" insert ", and any intervenor"
- 40 Strike lines 418 to 420, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
- 41 following in lieu thereof: "with a relative licensed as a foster parent; [or
- 42 certified as a relative caregiver;] (D) filing of termination of parental
- 43 rights and adoption; [and filing of termination of parental rights;] or
- 44 (E) [such other] another planned permanent living arrangement
- 45 ordered by the"
- 46 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 47 internal references accordingly:
- 48 "Sec. 501. Section 17a-126 of the general statutes is amended by
- 49 adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2009*):
- 50 (NEW) (i) In the case of the death, severe disability or serious illness
- 51 of a relative caregiver who is receiving a guardianship subsidy, the
- 52 commissioner may transfer the guardianship subsidy to a new relative
- 53 caregiver who meets the Department of Children and Families foster
- 54 care safety requirements and is appointed as legal guardian by a court
- 55 of competent jurisdiction.
- 56 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the general statutes is
- 57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
- 58 *1, 2009*):
- 59 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any
- 60 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any
- 61 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not
- 62 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical
- 63 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist, psychologist, coach of intramural
- 64 or interscholastic athletics, school teacher, school principal, school

65 guidance counselor, school paraprofessional, school coach, social
66 worker, police officer, juvenile or adult probation officer, juvenile or
67 adult parole officer, member of the clergy, pharmacist, physical
68 therapist, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, mental health
69 professional or physician assistant, any person who is a licensed or
70 certified emergency medical services provider, any person who is a
71 licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor, any person who is a
72 licensed marital and family therapist, any person who is a sexual
73 assault counselor or a battered women's counselor as defined in
74 section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed professional counselor,
75 any person who is a licensed foster parent, any person paid to care for
76 a child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group
77 day care home or family day care home licensed by the state, any
78 employee of the Department of Children and Families, any employee
79 of the Department of Public Health who is responsible for the licensing
80 of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day care
81 homes or youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of the
82 Office of Child Advocate.

83 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) Immediately upon the
84 removal of a child from the custody of the child's parent or guardian
85 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 17a-101g of the general statutes or
86 section 46b-129 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Children
87 and Families shall exercise due diligence to identify all adult
88 grandparents and other adult relatives of the child, including any
89 adult relatives suggested by the parents, subject to exceptions due to
90 family or domestic violence. Not later than thirty days after the
91 removal, the commissioner shall provide such grandparents and other
92 relatives with notice that (1) the child has been or is being removed
93 from the custody of the child's parent or guardian; (2) explains the
94 options that the relative has under federal, state and local law to
95 participate in the care and placement of the child, including any
96 options that may be lost by failing to respond to the notice; (3)
97 describes the requirements (A) to obtain a foster care license pursuant
98 to section 17a-114 of the general statutes, and (B) for additional

99 services and supports that are available for children placed in such a
100 home; and (4) describes the subsidized guardianship program under
101 section 17a-126 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
102 including (A) eligibility requirements, (B) the process for applying to
103 the program, and (C) financial assistance available under the
104 program."